

MACONNA AND CHRIST-CHILD.

CHRISTMAS DRYAD.

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T was Christmas day, and the supshed a go den radiance over the Arizona desert, brown breasted and spiotched with mesquite and ectus. As the cow pony bore Lela Warren over the indistinct trail she bok drep breaths of the ozone of the

"This is living!" she cried, stretchber arms toward the trees which berdered the causon. "It's grand to end Christmas all alone by onemif out on this great desert.

To see me now no one would think me thirty-five years old," she laughed, swinging lightly to a sent on a favorhas given me back strength, youth and -well, in a degree forgetfulness of the post. The change has taught me a menderful Philosophy—not to keep-

an apple from her lunch Suddenly a stir in the manzanita ing through the leaves of her re-

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man in hunter's | mas dinner " garb picking his chaparral directly toward her tree. He approached tread of virile his rifle against mag himself at its trunk and stretch scatching gaze

of his limbs upon the earth to rest. For a minute she studied the in wader, debating in her mind the best means of acquainting him with her for occupancy of that retreat. Sudher, and the let fall an oak ball she mail green globe struck the man equarely on the head.

Instantly he strang to his feet. "You can't challenge me that way. "Mr. Squirrel," he said, polating the side upward; "not with impunity." Leia gave a little cough. "Don't Moot me, plase," she called down. "I plend guilty."

She encountered a pair of surprised brown eyes looking up at her. Dropping his rifle to his side, the man lifted -LELA WARREN!" HE his hat politely.

"I never shoot dryads." he answered. "I suppose," she said. a smile hove ber eyes fell under the radiant light in thing on the lips. "that you are per his. "Your beard prevented my recoring on the lips, "that you are perfeetly familiar with dryads."

"Hardly," be answered, smiling up at her. "I know very little except at her. "I know very little except days and you s girl just through high they are said to live in trees. Are school" he said. Then he asked with the other live oaks in this canyon inhabited by your consins?"

A twinkle came into the dryad's leaving one word for me? When k.re-line eyes. "Possibly," she returned; turned from Europe I searched every-You know we have family trees." "Do they all have turquoise eyes like you had gone."

A frown crossed the dryad's face. but the man's good natured playing yes, and their color is beryl," looking old home to settle up for him," she exat her sage-green sweater.

"I don't helieve." be pursued, "that like you if one looked all day."

"Not likely," she replied continuing "sanch" he play. "I think all my kind turned "Leia," he said tenderly, "I have the play. "I think all my kind turned into topaz when the forest became

The dryad, thinking the play had progressed quite far enough, made no an turning as he pointed to a cluster of ewer. The man started toward the mististee that clong to a branch of the write, whistling. Suddenly be, wheel, eak just above her head. As she bookabout and called back:

your code of stiquette, I hope you will

pardon me if I have seemed overpresumprezous. Having no cards with me, I'll introduce myself by telling you I am the mining engineer from the Copper Knight property. I came over to the mines to do some construction work. but the men deserted me for a holiday, so in self defense i turned

nimred and found a dryad." From her tenty perch the dryad watched the man as he went whistling away over to the spring There was something in his half playful speech and the casy swing of his guit that seemed strangely familiar to her. He was building a fire between

rocks when he called to lier "If the dryad will look I'll show her how to cook game without pet or pan. An Indian guide showed me," he ex-

Plained_ Over a fire of dry bark and twigs he fixed some green mesquite sticks to which the game was carefully suspended. The aroms of the brolling drind was sufficient to cause the the foothills had given her a vigorous appelled.
"Il-will spread the table." she an

nounced, apreading paper napkins over bag and ate it a smooth rock. "Here are bref sand. wiches, olives, cheese, crackers, fig. wafers and one large apple," she conbushes behind tinued, taking the various articles her attracted ber from her funch bag and arranging them attention Peer. on the improvised table.

"A feast for-a dryad." said the man. "And a nimrod." she added, meeting trent Leia saw a the loyish smile on his face with contail, well built fluence "It will be a unique Christ-

"It will be the most delightful one way through the ever enten." recklessly declared the man, deftly turning the broiling game. When the game was done the two ant down and ate together with no with the elastic constraint and with real congeniality. As she stood under the live oak fas-

manhood, resting | tening up her abundant light brown hair, which had provokingly numbled the onk, Then he down, the man gave her a peculiar

"I have certainly met you before." "but before yo divind state. Are

you from the case?"
Formerly from Vermonit," vermont," she tering the fractory mans of bair-

"Lela Warren!" he cried, his face glowing with gladness. "I wondered from first if ! hadn't met you in some acon

long ago." "And you are CRIED, John Fletcher, who remembed, shaking hands. Then

ognizing you before," she added, "I was a mere stripling in those gratie reproof: "Why did you sell the old home. Lela, and go away without leaving one word for me? When k.rewhere for you, but no one knew where

A shadow from the past crossed th Woman's face.

"Of course you heard that my brothquickly banished it, and she said: "Oh, er defaulted. Mother and I sold the Then we went to Chleago plained where I taught school. After moth the woods would reveal another just er's death I came west. I am governess for the Evans family at Circl

still unmarried, thank God! Look! he commanded, his boyish spirit re about and called back:

"Miss Dr. ad, not being familiar with with endearing accents:

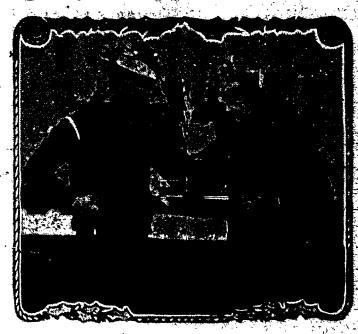
"My Christmas dryad!"

HARRY SYPHER

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It, the jolly Jack Tar! he is far away from home. Abourd the nation's battleship upon the bring form At Christmas time and all times he sale the seven seas? Fie qualis the fragrant spices in every foreign breeze. And always when the day comes round that comes but once

He sighs to qualf the fragrance of his fireside character

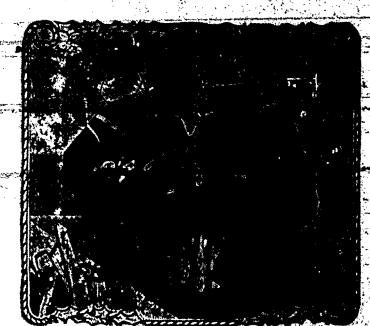


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With gorgeous glee he decks himself upon the hammock deck.

With evergreens upon his heart and holly round his peck. With evergreens upon his heart and holly round his neck



HOUGH jolly Jack has not a chance to hang the mistletoe And kiss the girl he left behind in case she gets below, he said abruptly. He hitches up his trousers and he whittles through his teeth entered the And goes and makes the mascot goat a jolly holly wreath. And then he sings a chantey song with load guffaws between Anent the merry marcet and the waring of the grown



HEN down within his mess room he jolly lack Tar site don came up has March and And culls a Christmas dinner from the galley and the kits. In the side of the argudjecters. When And Billygoat and Nannygoat are both remembered too be announced the candidates for the seatorable be announced the candidates for the seatorable be announced. They get a bounteous feast themselves when jolly lack is relie backing and won out or entire through.

lever forgotten you. We are both For, though they have no spinach, they devour the Christman

The holly and the shrubbery and all the woodland scenes

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Representative Miles Pointhittes of States sension from Washington the logislature that meets in January watting his frat term in the mat bouse. Since his entry into const he has been a consistent insuresatam for of Speaker Capson. He was o



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